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TITLE 183 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Chapter 1 RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM OF THE
RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE ACT

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001 SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REGULATIONS. These rules and regulations are promulgated under the authority of and in compliance with Section 71-5650 to 71-5670, Nebraska Revised Statutes. The purpose of these rules and regulations is to establish procedures for awarding student loans under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

002 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the definitions used are based on the terms defined in 71-5653.

003 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. An individual, in order to be eligible for a student loan, must:

003.01 Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an accredited medical education program or physician assistant education program in Nebraska;

003.02 Submit an application containing information specified by the Rural Health Advisory Commission;

003.03 Grant an interview, if requested, by members of the Rural Health Advisory Commission as part of the application process. Such interview will be limited to matters relevant to determining the likelihood that the applicant will practice in a health profession shortage area. Interviews will be conducted as soon as possible after June 1, but no later than July 15;

003.04 Have motivation and preference to practice in a shortage area of the State of Nebraska as designated by the Rural Health Advisory Commission;

003.05 Have motivation and preference to practice family practice, general practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, or psychiatry, upon completion of formal professional training which may include up to five years of residency training; and

003.06 Sign an agreement with the State of Nebraska.

004 SUPPLEMENTAL SCREENING FACTORS. In consideration of granting loans, the prioritizing of applicants shall include, as a minimum, whether the applicant has incurred any other service obligations which might influence his or her choice of a practice area;

In addition, the following factors may be considered as positive indicators of motivation to practice in a health profession shortage area:

004.01 Demonstration of a background of residence in a rural area or health profession shortage area;

004.02 Demonstration of a background of education in a rural area or health profession shortage area;

004.03 Demonstration of family ties to a rural area or health profession shortage area; or

004.04 Demonstration of a work history involving health care in a rural area or health profession shortage area.

005 DESIGNATION OF HEALTH PROFESSION SHORTAGE AREAS. The Rural Health Advisory Commission will designate an area as being a health profession shortage area if, in addition to the factors mentioned in the RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS AND PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE ACT,

the following two criteria are met:

005.01 The area is a rational area for the delivery of health care services; and

005.02 One of the following conditions prevails within the area:

005.02A The area exceeds the acceptable population-to-practitioner ratio set by the Commission; or

005.02B The area does not exceed the acceptable population-to-practitioner ratio set by the Commission but has either unusually high needs for health care services or insufficient capacity of existing health care providers.

006 APPLICATION PERIOD. Applications will be accepted annually between April 1 and June 1. Applications will not be accepted prior to April 1 or after June 1.

SOURCE: Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. ' ' 71-5650 to 71-5670.